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Application of: Putnam et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.142

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the informative telephone interview on May 31, 2002. In response to the Office Action containing a three-way species election requirement, mailed March 27, 2002, and in accordance with Rule 142 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the following remarks and the accompanying petition for an extension of time for two (2) months.

REMARKS

Claims 30-43 and 126-128 are pending in this application. Originally filed claims 1-125 were made subject to the ten-way restriction requirement and an election of species as set forth on pages 2-13 of the Office Action of October 1, 2001. The election with traverse by Applicants of the presently pending claims resulted in a second restriction requirement in the Office Action of March 27, 2002 requiring a further election between species to aid in searches.